

STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD
RESOLUTION NO. 2005-0023

AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF A \$5,000,000 LOAN CONTRACT AND AMENDMENTS
THERE TO FROM THE AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE LOAN PROGRAM (ADLP)
TO THE DEL PUERTO WATER DISTRICT (DISTRICT) FOR
AN IRRIGATION SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (PROJECT)

WHEREAS:

1. The District (District) will reduce agricultural drainage discharges to waters of the State through the Project by purchasing high efficiency irrigation equipment and leasing that equipment to growers converting furrow and siphon tube irrigation to sprinkler, gated pipe, and drip irrigation;
2. The Project will help meet water quality objectives for sediment and other constituents of concern in the San Joaquin River by reducing agricultural drainage and will contribute to conservation efforts in the San Joaquin Valley;
3. Monitoring will be conducted and the water quality benefits resulting from implementing the Project will be assessed;
4. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's (CVRWQCB) Water Quality Control Plan, for the Sacramento and San Joaquin River Basins, recommends that best management practices, consisting principally of water conservation measures, be implemented for the control of agricultural drainage;
5. The Project will help the District to achieve compliance with the CVRWQCB's Conditional Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges from Irrigated Lands; and
6. On January 18, 2005, the District submitted a Notice of Exemption for filing under Section 15302(c) of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Resources Control Board authorizes issuance of a \$5,000,000 ISA contract and amendments from the ADLP to the District for the Project contingent on CEQA compliance.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned, Clerk to the Board, does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on March 16, 2005.


Debbie Irvin
Clerk to the Board